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26 March 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: SA/DCI/IA
SUBJECT: NSC Meeting on START, 27 March 1984

1. You are scheduled to attend a National Security Council meeting tomorrow at 1400 hours in the Cabinet Room to discuss (no decisions) the status and prospects for major nuclear arms control negotiations, particularly INF and START. This will be a principal plus one meeting and [] will be accompanying you.

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2. The SOVA paper at Tab A, that you have already seen, will serve as a centerpiece for the meeting.

3. Your talking points are at Tabs D & E. There are two versions here, one prepared by Fritz Ermarth and another prepared by [] [] has a second version of his talking points at Tab C, which is EYES ONLY.) Rather than melding the two together and boiling them down to the least common denominator, I thought it wiser to let you see both of them so that you can get a feel for the differences of view that are at play here. Fritz believes that the Soviets are unprepared to make the necessary concessions required for real movement in the major arms control arenas []

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[] is more optimistic about the prospects for an agreement this year if the US wants one []

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4. Finally, I thought you might also find of interest the appended draft SOVA Monthly which provides a rundown of the major arms control negotiations. SOVA expects to publish this draft next month.

TAB X

5. If I can do more to help you prepare for this meeting, please call.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: [REDACTED]
Chief, Arms Control Intelligence Staff

SUBJECT: NSC Meeting, 27 March

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1. This memorandum transmits your briefing book for the NSC meeting now scheduled for 1400 on Tuesday, 27 March. [REDACTED]

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2. The topics of this meeting began two or more weeks ago as trade offs and frameworks of the US START policy. A week ago at a meeting of the Senior Arms Control Policy Group (SACPG), Richard Perle made it clear that he thought the issue was not trade offs and the associated details, but rather US strategy in arms control between now and the first Tuesday in November. That idea was accepted by Mr. McFarlane. Consequently, the issue of START trade offs has been replaced by the two issues now on the table as stated by Mr. McFarlane:

- o Soviet interest in arms control in 1984.
- o US interests in 1984.

Last Thursday, Mr. McFarlane said this NSC meeting is intended for discussion, not decision. [REDACTED]

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3. The paper on Soviet interests was written by SOVA analysts. In addition to the obvious evidence, this paper is based on two private chats we had with Amb. Jack Matlock, NSC Staff, and Dr. James Timbie, Special Assistant to Deputy Secretary of State Ken Dam. The session with Mr. Matlock dealt with his views on Soviet interests. The session with Dr. Timbie dealt with the Reagan-Chernenko correspondence, as well as the Eagleberger-Burt/Dobrynin-Sokolov talks in Washington and the Gromyko-Hartman talks in Moscow. The paper does not refer to such exchanges but the paper is congruent with our understandings of the contents of those exchanges. In any case, I think SOVA's paper is a good piece and the comments last Thursday of the SACPG participants indicate they agreed. [REDACTED]

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4. Attached (on left) is a Table of Contents tailored to these two issues. I am skeptical that the OSD paper on US strategy, written by Richard Perle but to be signed out to the President by Secretary Weinberger, will arrive before the meeting. I asked Mr. Perle for a copy. In any case, I expect that State Department, and perhaps ACDA, will write their own views of the second issue. I have asked that copies be made available to you, either through me or to you directly, but I doubt they will arrive too. [redacted]

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5. If there is anything more I may do to assist you on this subject, please call and let me know. [redacted]

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